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| 1. This communication is responsive to Response of 5/4/04. | | | |
| 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-14</u> . | | | |
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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Eric Groen on August 16, 2004.

The application has been amended as follows:

On Claim 1, Line 2, change "the outer conductor" to --an outer conductor--.

On Claim 7, Line 7, after "end faces" add -closely spaced from one another--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-14 are allowed.

The references fail to teach, disclose, or suggest, either alone or in combination, an insulation displacement connection with at least one cutting edge arranged in each connector half, the cutting edges being arranged opposite to each other in staggered and parallel offset manner to the longitudinal direction and the end faces closely spaced

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from one another which are staggered in the axial direction of the cable and in combination with the rest of the limitations of the base claims.

Applicant's arguments, see Pages 5-9, with respect to the combination of Applicant admitted prior art and Odley et al. have been fully considered and are persuasive.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Edwin A. León whose telephone number is (571) 272-2008. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 10:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on 571-272-2800, extension 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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